GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – MA&UD Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Municipal Commssioner, Nellimarla Nagara Panchayat, Vizianagaram District for demand and acceptance of bribe of Rs.15,000/ - ACB trapped on 15.07.2025 on Arrested on 16.07.2025 - Placed under deemed suspension from the date of detention i.e., with effect from 16.07.2025 under Rule 8 (2) (a) of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 698 **Dated: 23-07-2025**

Read:-

From the Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range, Radio Message, CR.No.06/RCT-VZM/2025, dated 16.07.2025 and 18.07.2025.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that, a case was registered in Crime CR.NO.06/RCT-VZM/2025 U/S 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1988 (As Amended in 2018) of Vizianagaram range, Vizianagaram against the Accused Officer Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram District for demanding a bribe amount of Rs. 18,000/- (i.e, Rs. 15000/- in the form of cash and a mattress, cost of Rs. 3000/-) from the complainant Sri Buridi Mahesh of Nellimarla Village for doing official favour, i.e, for issuing plan approval for the house of complainant which is in the name of his wife Smt. Kuntu Devi, Vizianagaram District. The AO was trapped when he further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- from the complainant on 15.07.2025 at 12.15 hours at the O/o Nagar Panchayath, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram district. The AO received the tainted amount of Rs. 15,000/- from the complainant, which came into contact with the tainted amount yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test. The tainted amount of Rs. 15,000/- was seized from the left side pant pocket of AO. The Accused Officer was arrested on 16.07.2025 at 02:00 hrs at the office of Nagar Panchayat, Nellimarla. The AO was produced before the Hon'ble III ADSJ-CUM-SPL.JUDGE for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam for Judicial custody on 18.07.2025. Case is under Investigation.

2. The Government, after careful examination of the matter and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) sub-rule (2) of rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, Government hereby place the Accused Officer Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram District, under deemed suspension from the date of detention i.e., with effect from 16.07.2025; and he shall remain under suspension until further orders.

3. Government also order that, during the period that this order remains in force, Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram District, shall not leave the headquarters without obtaining the prior permission of the Government.

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4. Government also order that, during the period of suspension, Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram District shall be paid subsistence allowance, as per rules in force.

5. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram, Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter.

6. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ariga Tharakanadh, Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram District **- through** the C&DMA., A.P., Vaddeswaram, Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P.,
Vaddeswaram, Guntur

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
The DSP., ACB., Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner of
Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam.
The M.A. & U.D. (A) Department.
The District Collector, Vizianagaram District.
The PS to Prl. Secretary (MA&UD), AP Secretariat.
SF/SCs(E.No:2909747).

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.